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SUBJECT: VISITING COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CRITICIZES
U.S. CHINA POLICY

1. DURING AN APRIL 12-17 VISIT TO TAIWAN, COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO CALLED ON NUMEROUS GROC OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN AND PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO, AND VISITED VARIOUS ECONOMIC PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS SIGNED AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT PLEDGED TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. "BASED ON COMMON IDEALS," THE COMMUNIQUE STATED, "THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE ITS SUPPORT TO THE CAUSE OF THE ROC, AND IT BELIEVES THAT THE ROC WILL ACCOMPLISH THE NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION MISSION."

2. IN A PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE FACIO REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED U.S. CHINA POLICY AND WARNED THAT U.S. "FLIRTING WITH RED CHINA IS DANGEROUS AND WOULD CAUSE GREAT TROUBLES FOR THE FREE
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WORLD." ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, FACIO ALSO SAID THAT HE "COM-

PLETELY DISAGREES" WITH THE U.S. POLICY OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

3. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, FACIO REPORTEDLY SAID HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE USG WOULD NOT GO SO FAR AS TO BREAK FORMAL TIES WITH THE ROC AND GRANT OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO PEKING. "IF THE REVERSE SHOULD OCCUR, IT WOULD NOT ONLY HARM THE U.S. ITSELF, BUT ALSO RAISE UNCERTAINTIES AMONG THE ALLIES REGARDING AMERICA'S CREDIBILITY IN HONORING ITS TREATY COMMITMENTS."

4. COMMENT: FROM THE GROC'S POINT OF VIEW FACIO'S VISIT, WHICH WAS WIDELY COVERED IN THE PRESS, WAS UNDOUBTEDLY HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL BOTH AS EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE ROC AND COSTA RICA AND BEKTUSE OF FACIO'S CRITICAL COMMENTS ABOUT U.S. CHINA POLICY.

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